

Weare Conservation Commission  
Minutes  
January 15, 2003

In attendance were: Pat Myers, Mike Manna, Andy Fulton, and John Ciampi

Meeting commenced at 7:30 P.M.

1. **Balance in Conservation Fund** - is now \$168,449.42.
2. **Minutes** - John Ciampi read the minutes of the December 11, 2002 Conservation Commission meeting. The changes are as follows: in the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, "a new Conservation handbook was issued to Tom Carr and James Coughlin", the name of James Coughlin shall be struck. In the addendum of the minutes, the wording " James Coughlin of *Fox Hallow* subdivision off Rt. 77, has proposed a non-public session to discuss several issues concerning a standard subdivision", shall be changed to read, " James Coughlin wants to speak to the WCC informally because he wasn't ready with his new proposal for a standard subdivision". And in the last paragraph, last sentence, the wording, "the warrant article is cosponsored and supported by Neal Kurt" shall be struck. Mike Manna made motion to accept the minutes as amended and Andy Fulton 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor to accept. The motion carried.
3. **Ramon Salas** - has applied for a minimum impact expedited application project on Twin Bridge Rd., tax map 412, lot # 230. Schauer Environmental performed the wetland delineation. The wetland area is the result of runoff from a seasonal stream. The area of impact is 384 ft. sq., and two culverts are proposed, one 12" and the other 15". Andy Fulton made motion to accept the application and Mike Manna 2<sup>nd</sup>. All voted in favor to approve. Motion carried.
4. **Richard and Alexandis Hamel** - propose a lot line adjustment on tax map 407, tax map 86 on Hodgedon Rd. This property requires the crossing of *Peacock Brook* before it discharges into the *Perkins Pond Prime Wetland* area. Because of concerns of a detrimental impact on the downstream prime wetland , the WCC strongly recommends that any future structure, resulting from subdivision of this property, that intends to cross the brook, be constructed so that no abutments are placed in the water of the brook, and to exercise great care during construction so that any negative impacts to the brook are minimized. Pat will forward a memo to the Planning Board on this matter.
5. **Cold Springs Campground** - the Commission reviewed this site plan which purpose is to amend a previous site plan of tax map 411, tax map 187. This current site plan proposes to construct a utility shed near the intersection of Rt. 114 and Barnard Hill Rd. A concern on this issue is the proposed increase in the contour that slopes toward an adjoining wetland, maximizing the effects of soil erosion into the wet area. Another concern is that drainage from the proposed parking area favors the wetland, creating the potential for eventual seepage of contaminants into the watershed which is

contiguous to *Otter Brook*, the primary tributary of Daniel's Lake. Also, the site plan stipulates that the utility shed will house trash from the campground . This may become a future problem if proper drainage barriers are not installed.

6. **Perkins Pond** - the purpose of the current timber harvest is to modify the prevailing vegetation to species more propitious to the current local deer herd. Also, there is intention of developing vegetative brush along the shoreline favorable to the habitating waterfowl. Fish and Game is performing the actual work and a state forester from DRED is managing the forest cuts.
7. **Richard and Donna Renshaw** - were sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of non-compliance of an environmental issue predating to 1999. The letter was issued by DES.
8. **Gordon Brown** - was issued complaint # 2617 for allegedly digging on the shoreline of the Piscataquog River without applying for a permit. The property is located on 460 River Rd.
9. **Donna Benson** - her wetland application is being closed because she hasn't completed her forms and has made no further contact with DES.
10. **John Connor Rd. bridge repair** - has recently received approval to begin repair work of this bridge which spans the Piscataquog River below Lake Horace.
11. **Colby Rd.** - project to straighten out a portion of this road has been suspended due to additional information needed to complete the application.
12. **Selectmen's meeting** - Discussion of warrant article # 23, which reads "Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$45,000 for an updated Master Plan to be withdrawn from the Conservation Fund , or to take any other action in relation thereto ? " has been discussed on and off by the Selectmen. It is the belief of the Commission that only the only the Conservation Commission has authority to expend funds from the Conservation Fund.
13. **Conservation easement signs** - examples were passed around for review and ideas pertaining to different designs were generated such as colors, animal prints, wording, phone numbers, etc.
14. Andy made motion to adjourn, and Pat 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Ciampi

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